

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP RCE</b>
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 1, 2006 and the Advisory  
Action dated November 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows: